

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Nearly 25 percent of Zionist families with children in the occupied territories are experiencing food insecurity, new data from the regime's largest anti-poverty NGO shows. The annual report by the Leket organization, which provides various welfare and food aid services, found that of the two million people in need of sufficient nutrition, 774,000 are children -one third of minors. Moreover, 633,000 families in the occupied territories don't have enough resources to fulfill their daily dietary needs, the study found.

The one which has been taken away from men is the Holy Prophet and the one which is still left with them and which they must hold steadfastly is repentance and atonement for sins.

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## Yemeni Forces Regaining Full Control of Ma'rib Capital



Tribesmen loyal to Yemen's popular Ansarullah resistance movement chant slogans during a gathering aimed at mobilizing more fighters into battlefronts to fight Saudi-backed militants, in Sana'a, Yemen.

SANA'A (Dispatches) – Yemeni forces have advanced as far as just 50 kilometers away from the strategic west-central province of Ma'rib's capital.

Reporting on Wednesday, Al Jazeera network said the country's army and Popular Committees had regained full control over the province's Harib District that lies to the south of Ma'rib's capital.

Meanwhile, Ma'rib's governor Ali Ta'imani warned that the Saudi-led coalition had been dispatch-

ing "thousands" of terrorists from the Daesh and Al-Qaeda Takfiri terrorist groups towards Harib to undo the forces' gains, al-Masirah television network reported.

He, therefore, urged Harib's residents to resist against the terrorists and prevent them from entrenching themselves among civilians.

Ever since the start of the war, the coalition has been counting on the terrorists to help its forces on the ground and also create diversionary fronts elsewhere to dis-

tract Yemeni defense forces from their ongoing operations.

The Yemeni forces had advanced close to Ma'rib's capital—that bears the same name as the province itself—before this too.

The absence of rocky and mountainous terrains in the province that could lend hideouts to the forces and shield them from the invading coalition's airstrikes, had, however, prevented them from building substantially on their gains.

The forces have, therefore, been

trying to gain ground in Shabwah and al-Bayda Provinces that neighbor Ma'rib Province's to the south in order to be able to lay siege on the Saudi-led forces in Ma'rib.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia's military killed several Yemeni civilians in indiscriminate attacks, contradicting the Riyadh rulers' claims that they are committed to a political situation to the conflict.

At least five civilians lost their lives in separate shelling and shooting attacks by Saudi forces across Yemen, on the same day that the kingdom's cabinet alleged the regime was seeking a political solution to the war on Yemen.

Local sources told -Masirah television network that a couple lost their lives when Saudi-backed militants opened fire on them in an area of the Salh district of the southwestern Ta'izz province late Tuesday. A man sustained gunshot wounds as well.

A civilian was also killed in Raqou area of the Monabbih district in northwestern province of Sa'ada, when Saudi border guards fired indiscriminate shots.

Earlier in the day, Saudi forces shelled a residential neighborhood in the Rahabah district of Yemen's central province of Ma'rib, leaving a couple dead and a woman seriously wounded.

## Zionist Settlers, Troops Storm Al-Aqsa



Zionist troops walk at the Al-Aqsa mosque following the Muslim Friday noon prayers in the complex.

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – Over 500 Zionist settlers, accompanied by troops and members of Knesset, broke into Al-Aqsa compound in Al-Quds during the holiday of Sukkot on Wednesday, the Palestinian News Agency (Wafa) reported.

According to Wafa, 529 Zionist settlers entered Al-Aqsa compound through the Moroccan Gate on the western side of the site, which the occupying regime's authorities have controlled since the beginning of the occupation of East Al-Quds and the West Bank in 1967.

Wafa said that the settlers, flanked by Zionist police, performed prayers and toured the site. Zionist far-right activists have repeatedly pushed for an increased presence at Al-Aqsa, despite a longstanding joint guardianship agreement between the Zionist regime and Jordan, which retains custodianship over Christian and Muslim holy sites in Al-Quds and bars non-Muslim prayer at the site.

Al-Quds' Islamic Waqf has repeatedly described the settlers' tours as "provocative" and said that Palestinian worshippers and guards at Al-Aqsa feel uncomfortable with the presence of the occu-

pying regime's police and settlers touring the Muslim holy site.

Naser al-Hidmi, the head of the Al-Quds Authority Against Judaization, told local media that the Zionist regime uses the season of holidays to speed up its settlement plans around the Old City and Al-Aqsa mosque.

"Unfortunately, every coming year is more difficult and worse for Al-Quds and Al-Aqsa, in terms of Israel's violations and the practices of the occupation that increased in brutality and became more cruel and painful, amid Arab and Islamic silence and inaction regarding what is happening," Hidmi said.

Zionist settler groups regularly enter the Al-Aqsa compound - which they refer to as the Temple Mount - during religious holidays. They are currently celebrating the Sukkot, which ends on 27 September.

Settlers backed by Zionist troops regularly break into Al-Aqsa Mosque to tour around the Dome of the Rock and perform prayers on the site.

Some right-wing Zionist activists have advocated for the destruction of Al-Aqsa mosque compound to make way for a Third Temple.

## NGO: Islamic Jihad Inmates Defy Zionist Restrictions

RAMALLAH (Dispatches) – Palestinian prisoners of the Islamic Jihad resistance group have protested punitive measures imposed by Zionist regime authorities since the Sept. 6 jailbreak, according to a Palestinian NGO on Wednesday.

"Islamic Jihad prisoners have refused to line up and go out [of their cells] for security checks," the Palestinian Prisoner Society said in a statement.

It said the occupying regime's

prison guards have responded by handcuffing the prisoners and taking them out of their cells "by force."

On Sept. 6, six inmates had tunneled out of the maximum-security Gilboa prison. Four of them were re-arrested on Sept. 10-11, while the last two were recaptured on Sept. 18.

Five of the prisoners belonged to the Islamic Jihad movement, and one was a former commander of the Fatah group.

According to the NGO, Zionist prison authorities have imposed a series of punitive measures against the prisoners since the jailbreak, singling out those affiliated with the Islamic Jihad with "double punishments."

It noted that the prison administration "transferred the majority of Islamic Jihad prisoners from their cells, prevented them from staying together in the same rooms and imposed

high fines on them."

The statement said the prisoners are "still in negotiations with the prison administration to stop these abuses."

There was no comment from Zionist regime authorities on the report.

There are around 4,850 Palestinian detainees in the regime's prisons, including 41 women, 225 children, and 540 "administrative detainees," according to observers.

## UN Releases Funds to Save Afghan Health System From Collapse

KABUL (Al Jazeera) – The United Nations aid chief has released \$45m in emergency funds to Afghanistan in a bid to prevent Afghanistan's battered healthcare system from collapsing.

Martin Griffiths, the UN's under-secretary-general for humanitarian affairs and emergency relief coordinator, said in a statement on Wednesday that he was releasing funds from the UN's Central Emergency Response Fund to boost life-saving support in Afghanistan.

"Allowing Afghanistan's healthcare delivery system to fall apart would be disastrous," he said, adding that medicines, medical supplies and fuel were running out and that essential healthcare workers were not being paid.

"People across the country would be denied access to primary health care such as emergency caesarean sections and trauma care."

Afghanistan's healthcare system was plunged into crisis after the Taliban swept into power last month. International donors, including the World Bank and European Union, have frozen funding to Afghanistan, complicating aid deliveries and leaving many health facilities understaffed.

The funds will go to the UN's health and children's agencies, allowing them - with the help of partner NGOs - to keep hospitals, COVID-19 centers and other health facilities operating until the end of the year.

"The UN is determined to stand by the people of Afghanistan in their hour of need," Griffiths said.

Aid agencies have warned of an "impending humanitarian crisis" unless aid flows resume in the country. The World Health Organization said earlier this month that 90 percent of

its clinics were slated to close imminently as the situation in Afghanistan was becoming increasingly desperate.

The International Monetary Fund has expressed deep concern about the country's economic situation. IMF spokesman Gerry Rice said small-scale transfers of remittances had been granted, but that global lender's engagement with Afghanistan remains suspended.

Filipe Ribeiro, Afghanistan representative for Doctors Without Borders (Medecins Sans Frontieres, or MSF), told Reuters last month that "one of the great risks for the health system here is basically to collapse because of lack of support".

Aid agencies that are still operative have seen a significant increase in demand as other facilities are unable to fully function.

## Lebanese Ex-Minister Asks Port Blast Judge to Be Replaced

BEIRUT (AP) – A former Lebanese government minister on Wednesday asked the country's top court to remove the lead judge investigating last year's massive explosion in Beirut's port because of allegedly "legitimate suspicion" over his handling of the case, state media reported.

The development is the latest in a year-long saga surrounding the investigation into the explosion, which plunged Lebanon into another political crisis and accelerated an already unprecedented economic meltdown.

The country's government resigned after the Aug. 4, 2020 explosion and buckering political parties only this month agreed on a new government. Also, months into the probe, the lead judge running the investigation was removed by the Court of Cassation after similar charges were filed against him by senior government officials.

The petition Wednesday by the former public works minister, Youssef Fenianos, came a week after Judge Tarek Bitar

issued an arrest warrant for him after he failed to appear in court for questioning. It's not clear whether the Court of Cassation will take up Fenianos' lawsuit and if it does, it will have to examine the case and then decide whether to dismiss or accept the request.

The judge has accused Fenianos and three other former senior government officials with intentional killing and negligence that led to the deaths of more than 200 people in the explosion. Over 6,000 were injured in the massive blast that also devastated a large section of Beirut.

Fenianos is a senior official with the Christian Marada Movement, a close ally of Lebanon's powerful militant Hezbollah resistance movement. He said in a statement, carried by the state-run Lebanese News Agency, that his petition was motivated by "concern for justice" and accused an unnamed party of wanting "to blame me as a former minister of public works" for the blast.